The opening ceremony of the Cheerakuzhi Bridge.

5. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In answer to question No. 61 of the last budget session, the Government have replied that it is not possible to give a complete list, etc. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of the Heads of Departments who were present there for the opening ceremony;

(b) the amount of T. A. drawn for that day by each of the Heads of Departments present there, with a brief statement of the objects for which the T. A. was drawn;

(c) the actual amount spent for the ceremony and the budget head from which it was spent;

(d) the date of information to the Chief Engineer about the date of the meeting referred to in the answer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon —

(a) The Chief Engineer.
The Director of Public Instruction.
The Police Commissioner.
The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

(b) *The Chief Engineer.* Daily allowance Rs. 5. For going to Cheerakuzhi and back for arranging the opening ceremony of the bridge.

The Director of Public Instruction. Rs. 11. (Railway fare of Rs. 6 plus mileage limited to daily allowance of Rs. 5.) For journeys to inspect the shed in the Lower Secondary School compound, Chelakkara, for the location of a Rural Industrial school there.

The Commissioner of Police. Rs. 22. (mileage for 44 miles). Inspection of Vadakkancheri Station and visit to Palayannur.

The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer. Daily allowance of Rs. 5. He was at Trichur that day for inspecting the Civil and Maternity Hospital.

(c) Rs. 537—8—7.
B. I. No. 29/1102, Cheerakuzhi bridge work.
11th April 1927.

(d) ————————
29th Meenam 1102.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here, is any day of the week or month fixed for the holding of the meeting?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, generally.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was not this date also fixed previously?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Boring operations in a private compound at Trichur.

6. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the agreement

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

between Mr. K. Narayana Pisharodi and the Government regarding the boring operation in his tank in Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— The conditions under which the experimental boring operations were conducted in the place in question were explained in the answers to questions Nos. 57 and 58 of the budget session of 1102. These conditions were specified in the letters between the Chief Engineer and Mr. Pisharodi. There has been no execution of a separate formal agreement.

Particulars of certain tenders called for by the Public Works Department.

7. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— In answer to question No. 62 of the last budget session, it is said that it is not found possible to prepare the exhaustive list, &c., asked for on account of the enormous number of contracts, &c. Will the Government be pleased to give a list of contract works above Rs. 3,000 for one year, i. e., 1102, given by the Chief Engineer, ignoring the lowest tender, showing the reason for refusing the lowest tender and the amount of excess that the Government had to spend for each item on this account and the names of the persons who gave the lowest tender and the names of the accepted tenderers in each case?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Vide Appendix II.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(Appendix II).

Without any exception the lowest tenders are always rejected. May I know why?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question was which were the works on which the lowest tenders were not accepted. You will find that so many works were accepted on the lowest tenders, but they do not figure here.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I ask why in none of these works the lowest tenders were not accepted. There are so many works here nearly a dozen.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The reasons are all printed and supplied to the Member. If the Member will have the patience to read through them, he will understand it.

President.—Do they throw any light on the question?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There are already so many works in which the lowest tenders were not accepted.

President.—Can we know in how many works the lowest tenders were accepted? Probably they will be innumerable.

A Bill to [illegible] Regulation I of 1081.

8. [illegible]